GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SAKA ISSUANCE OF ARM LICENCE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of armed licences issued in Delhi during each of the last three years and current year;

(b) the name of the competent authority responsible for extending the Area Validity of armed licence in Delhi;

(c) the rules for extending the Area Validity of armed licence in Delhi;

(d) the number of armed licences in Delhi provided All India Validity during each of the last three years, current year;

(e) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding extension of Area Validity of armed licence in Delhi; and

(f) if so, the details and action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): The requisite information is given below:

Year	Number of licences for Non-prohibited Bore weapons issued by Delhi Police	Number of licences for Prohibited Bore weapons issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs
2003	1304	16
2004	1230	9
2005	1024	25
2006 (upto 5th May)	242	4 (upto 11th May)

(b): The competent authority to extend the area validity of non-prohibited bore arms licences and prohibited bore arms licences is the Administrator of Delhi and the Joint Secretary (Security) in the Ministry of Home Affairs respectively.

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(c): Rule 53 of Arms Rules, 1962 stipulates that on application from a licence-holder, a licensing authority may extend the area of validity specified in his licence, if he is satisfied about the need of such extension, subject to the condition that the licensing authority has the power to grant a licence in relation to the area to which extension is sought. In addition, it has been laid down in the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs` vide letter No. V-11026/8/89-Arms dated 4.7.1989 that as a rule, the licences with all India validity shall be granted in very rare cases. The few exceptions where consideration could be given would comprise the following categories:

(1) Ministers and Members of Parliament;

(2) Serving officers of Defence Services, police and para-military organizations and officers of Government having liability to serve anywhere in India; and

(3) Members of recognized Rifle Clubs and Rifle Associations for bona-fide sports and games.

(d): The requisite information is given below:

Year	No. of licences issued by Delhi Police for all India Validity	No. of licences issued by Ministry of Home Affairs for All India Validity
2003	186	10
2004	56	4
2005	152	17
2006	13 (upto 5th May)	2 (upto 11th May)

(e) & (f): Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that it had received one complaint regarding extension of area validity of armed licence. On examination of the complaint by the competent authority, it was found to be without substance.